

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

List of the Claims:

1-4. cancelled.

5. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where [said occupant communication means] said parking location can be referenced by means of geographic positioning.

6-10. Cancelled

11. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said reference identifier [can be] is a reference tag displayed on said vehicle.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said reference identifier [can be] is a reference tag with a bar code designation.

14. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said reference identifier [can be] is the vehicle's license plate.

15. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said reference identifier can be the said vehicle's vehicle identification number.

16-17. Cancelled.

18. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said [occupant] communication means can add extra time with respect to said

reference identifier by updating said central processing means during the time period of the activation of time of said reference [device]identifier.

19. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said [occupant] communication means can be notified by said central processing means when said reference identifiers time allotment as first activated by said [occupant wireless issuance device] communication means is about to expire.

20. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said wireless ticket issuance device [~~used by said enforcement personnel can verify~~] verifies the time status of said reference identifier by entering the reference identifier [number] into the wireless ticket issuance device.

21. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said wireless ticket issuance device [~~used by said enforcement personnel can verify~~] verifies the time status of said reference identifier by scanning a bar code.

22. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim [1]50 where said wireless ticket issuance device [~~used by said enforcement personnel can verify~~] verifies the time status by communicating with [the] said reference identifier [by] wireless communications means.

23.-49. Cancelled.

50. (Currently Amended) A payment system to [~~eliminate/~~]minimize capital infrastructure required to enforce parking regulations, and to receive

payment [of] pursuant to said regulations[and to facilitate the enforcement of parking regulations], said system comprising the following components in addition to a vehicle, an occupant, a parking space and a parking location:

[A] a communications means adapted to be used by the [said] occupant of said vehicle of said parking space to communicate[s] to a central processing means[.]:

[A] a reference identifier located with said vehicle that has a wireless communication means[.]:

[A] a wireless ticket issuance device used by enforcement personnel to communicat[ing]e with [to] a central processing means;

[A] a parking meter associated with each parking space including [with] a wireless means to transmit, receive and process information[.]:

Said parking meter [~~being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry, and a communication interface, said communication interface being capable of facilitating communication~~] ~~communicating~~ with said [occupant] communications means, said wireless ticket issuance device, and said [parking location accounting system]reference identifier, said parking meter being programmed with a processing means to credit said parking location accounting system with payment received by said reference identifier [~~located with said vehicle that has a~~] wireless communications means [~~to credit said parking meter for said time activated by said reference identifier of said parking space in said parking location.~~];

Said central processing means including at least one microprocessor, [said microprocessor being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry,] and a communication interface[, said communication interface being capable of communicating] that facilitates communication with said [occupant] communications means, said wireless ticket issuance device, [said parking location accounting system] and said parking meter[-];

[Said microprocessor being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry, and a communication interface, said communication interface being capable of communicating with said occupant communications means said wireless ticket issuance device, and said parking location accounting system,] said microprocessor being programmed with a processing means to credit said parking location accounting system with payment received by said parking meter from said reference identifier wireless communication means[-];

[Said microprocessor being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry, and a communication interface, said communication interface being capable of communicating with said occupant communications means said wireless ticket issuance device, and said parking location accounting system, said microprocessor being programmed with a processing means] to credit said parking meter with credit from said [occupant] communication means[-];

[Said microprocessor being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry, and a communication interface, said communication interface being capable of communicating with said occupant communication means said wireless ticket issuance device, said microprocessor being programmed with a processing means] to record [the] a time [activated by] said reference identifier wireless communication means activates [to] said parking meter in said geographical location and communicate the status of said time of said parking meter to said wireless ticket issuance device, [said enforcement personnel can issue a ticket with said wireless ticket issuance device if said time was not activated or expired]

[Said microprocessor being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry, and a communication interface, said communication interface being capable of communicating with said occupant communication means said wireless ticket issuance device, said microprocessor being programmed with a processing means] to record [the] a time [activated by] said reference identifier wireless communication means activates [to] said parking meter and to communicate the status of said time of said parking meter to said occupant communication means[-]; and

[Said microprocessor being connectable to a data input subsystem, data output circuitry, data storage circuitry, and a communication interface, said communication interface being capable of communicating with said occupant communications means and said wireless ticket issuance device, said microprocessor being programmed with a processing means] to record ticket

information received by said wireless ticket issuance device [used by said enforcement personnel] when said time is not validly associated with said geographical location and said reference identifier.

51. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said [occupant] communication means [~~can be~~] is a computer terminal interface.

52. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said [occupant] communication means [~~can be~~] is a landline telephone.

53. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said [occupant] communication means [~~can include~~] is a mobile phone.

54. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said [occupant] communication means [~~can include~~] is a personal data assistant

55. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Chum 50 where said [occupant] communication means [~~can include~~] is a paging device.

56. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said time designated for said reference identifier is provided by said [occupant] communication means.

57. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said central processing means [~~can~~] may provide [~~the following~~] information selected from the group consisting of:

[The] said time allotted in said parking meter;

[The] location of said parked vehicle as provided by said parking meter;

[The] status of said time on said parking meter;

[B]billing Information for said reference identifier; and

Communication of account information to municipal databases.

58. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier [can be] is issued from said central processing means.

59. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier [can be] is a radio frequency transponder with wireless communications capabilities.

60. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said central processing means allows said occupant to register personal and payment information for the payment of [said] the time activated by said reference identifier and stored on said microprocessor.

61. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said central processing means [can be] is a computer server which stores all the said reference identifier data strings and said parking location data strings belonging to said payment system

62. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier has a wireless communication means to update the [nearest or relevant] associated said parking meter monitoring its corresponding said parking space.

63. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said occupant communications means [ean]communicate with [tə] the central processing means to provide said time to relevant said parking meter monitoring its corresponding said vehicle in said parking space.

64. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said occupant communication means [ean]adds extra time with respect to said parking meter by updating said central processing means during the time period of the activation of time of said parking meter.

65. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said occupant communication means [ean-be] is notified by said central processing means when said parking meter time allotment as first activated by said reference identifier at said parking meter is about to expire.

66. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said [vehicle said] parking meter [ean-be] receive a time allotment from said central processing means activated by said [eeeupant] communication means.

67. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said wireless ticket issuance device [~~used by said enforcement personnel can~~] issues and processes a ticket to said vehicle in said parking space.

68. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier [ean-be] is a mobile phone.

69. (Currently Amended) The payment system of Claim 50 where said reference identifier [ean-be] is a personal data assistant.